

## FOUR FIRES ONE DAY ESTABLISHES RECORD FOR MEDINA MONDAY

For the first time in the history of the local fire department, Medina experienced four fires within 24 hours. These occurred last Monday and the fire boys were kept busy answering calls. It is a source of much gratification to realize that Medina possesses one of the finest fire fighting organizations of any town in the state.

The fire bell summoned the firemen to the Farmers Exchange about 1 o'clock Monday morning where a Ford car garaged in the company's warehouse on the opposite side of the street was burning. It was run out into the open and water played upon the blazing mass but it was too badly damaged to be of further service. An insurance of \$350 was carried.

The interior of the garage was badly burned but four barrels of oil were untouched by the flames. The tank in the car contained several gallons of gasoline which is still there. The tires were unharmed.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The Ford was run into the garage about 6 o'clock Sunday evening and no fire was apparent until early Monday morning. Had the firemen been delayed in reaching the scene, the warehouse, containing several farm implements would have been destroyed.

The Farmers Exchange suffered a disastrous fire about four years ago. Dana Whipple reported the fire of Monday having noted the blaze in passing. Deputy Al Hange led to safety a horse which was stabled in the building.

Crossed wires from which the insulation had been worn caused a small fire Monday afternoon at two o'clock in the Bishop building on N. Court street.

Mrs. Abe Sherman who lives on the upper floor discovered smoke in the building upon her return home and notified her husband. He found the troublesome wires in the attic and threw water upon one of the beams which had caught fire.

The firemen made a quick run but were turned back, their services being unnecessary.

Exactly one hour after the fire in the Bishop building, the alarm again sounded and the boys rushed out to Fred Gunkelman's farm south of town where the roof of the house was found ablaze from some unknown cause. The firemen dropped one end of the hose into a concrete water tank in a neighbors farm and soon had the fire out. Had they not gone to the scene of the fire the house could not have been saved. The shed and porch and a part of the roof were badly damaged.

The next fire was at the home of Ray Loomis on E. Smith Road which occurred sometime during Monday night. The fire was in Loomis' chicken house and resulted in a damage of about \$400. More than 400 White Leghorn chicks were destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown.

## SPLENDID TALKS AT W.C.T.U. INSTITUTE

The W. C. T. U. Institute held at Lodi last Friday was heavily attended and much enjoyed by all who were there. The institute, which was held in the Congregational church of that town and which lasted all day, was presided over by Mrs. E. P. Hartman, county president.

Rev. Courtney led the devotional services which were followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. J. W. Bowles. The superintendents of the various departments made brief talks outlining their work for the year.

In the afternoon, Rev. Tippel led devotional exercises. This was followed by a splendid address given by Mrs. Lucy Van Kirk of Granville, editor of the Ohio Messenger, who inspired her audience with a recital of the big, noble work to be done by the W. C. T. U. and paid a tribute to the workers. She pictured the bettering of conditions as a result of suffragism.

Mrs. J. D. Danney, in a splendid talk, emphasized the importance of child welfare work. All who attended the institute felt themselves greatly benefitted by the talks and plans.

## LEGION PLANS BIG JULY CELEBRATION

The Legion boys gathered in about forty shacks Wednesday night of last week with their dance at Odd Fellows hall and expect to better that this Friday with their hop at Chippewa Lake. The money secured goes into a fund for the proposed Legion community house.

The various committees chosen to arrange for the big Independence Day celebration which will be held July 5 at Chippewa Lake park met Tuesday evening at the Town Hall and reported activities.

Considerable advertising is being done and many of the attractions have already been booked. The largest crowd in the history of the park is expected there on that day.

Detours on W. Liberty street by the Root plant were necessary a couple of days last week due to repairing of a water main connecting the establishments on each side of the street.

## MINNELLI SHOWS TO START MONDAY

The Minnelli Bros. dramatic company that has been playing Medina for the last sixteen seasons under canvas, will open for a week's stand next Monday evening on the Bowman lot on W. Liberty street. The opening bill will be "A Girl There Was," a highly dramatic presentation of a live theme of general interest. Like the remainder of the bills that will be shown by this excellent company of players this is a new production, never before seen in Medina.

Several new faces will be seen in the organization this year, all highly recommended. Prominent in the cast will be Miss Mae La Porte, a remarkably clever little woman who appreciates the delicate shadings of her art, and who does full justice to the leading roles.

The Minnellis are here in person to supervise all arrangements for the season and promise bills of much diversity. The ladies will be admitted Monday evening at special low prices.

## SUB POST OFFICE READY IN JUNE

Mrs. M. K. Long, postmistress, is just in receipt of a letter from the postal department stating that the West Side Station, which will be located in the A. I. Root building, will be ready for opening June 1, with full facilities for the transaction of money order, registry and parcel post business, sale of postal supplies and the receipt and dispatch of mails.

No extra clerks will be provided for this service, the present force being adequate, according to the postal authorities.

## CRESTON USERS TO PAY RTE INCREASE

Creston has also been hit by the gas rate increase, the gas company presenting to the Creston council an ordinance permitting a sliding scale rate from 45 to 60 cents. The matter was laid over.

## SPECIAL MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S MEMORIAL DAY

On Sunday, May 30, at 4 P. M., there will be a vesper service at St. Paul's Church, with a special musical program appropriate to Memorial Day.

Among the special musical numbers will be the duet "Hark, Hark My Soul" by Nevin, Mrs. R. M. Long, soprano and Mr. Marshall F. Bryant, baritone; solo, "The Day is Ended," by Bartlett, Mr. L. D. Best, baritone; Schnecker's arrangement of Kipling's "Recessional" and C. E. Clemens' "Nunc Dimittis," by the choir.

Complete program of this service will be published in next week's paper.

## TEACHERS SALARIES MAY JUMP ONE-TENTH

It is understood that a small number of our city teachers, at the end of the present school year, will leave Medina and will not be with us when the next session opens, having decided, in some cases, to take up other professions or to seek more lucrative positions.

Teachers' salaries, next year, will be advanced over the present schedule according to a member of the school board who believes that about a ten per cent increase will be granted.

## RAISE BOY SCOUT FUND

Through the efforts of the Kiwanis Club the local Boy Scouts have about \$600 in funds which will be used in furnishing camp equipment. The thorough establishing and sponsoring of the Boy Scout movement here means, probably, a discontinuance of interest in the Y. M. C. A. activities in this city.

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Officers and Committees  
President of the Day—Elliott McDougall.  
Vice Presidents—Winthrop Hill, W. C. Smith and Lt. John R. Moore.  
Master of Ceremonies—A. E. Young.  
Chaplain—Rev. A. Irwin.  
Speaker of the Day—Rev. Clarence G. Miller.  
Officer of the Day—(for life) Maj. S. S. Oatman.  
Aides—Dr. W. F. Wise, Chief of Staff and assistants.  
G. A. R. Committee on Arrangements—Winthrop Hill, W. H. Winch, S. S. Oatman, Perry Cannon.  
American Legion Committee on Arrangements—Edward Kennan, Jo. Seymour and Lt. John R. Moore.  
Committee on Boy Scouts—Geo. A. Washburn, Rev. R. K. Caulk.

## MEDINA ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE CONCERT

On Tuesday evening May 25, Medina's Community Orchestra will give its first concert in the Methodist church which has been kindly professed by the trustees of that church. The orchestra of ten pieces consists of Miss Florence Sipher, Mrs. D. C. Babcock, Miss Martha Kreutzinger, and Kenneth Sedgewick, Violins; Mr. Alfred Dammley, Clarinet; Mr. Geo. Denton, Flute; Mr. Chas. Iper, Trombone; Messrs Hartman and Longacre, Cornets; John Beck director and pianist. An interesting feature will be the use of the pipe organ with several of the numbers, Mrs. Clark Reinhardt presiding at the organ. The program will be of the best music and the soloists will be Mrs. Etta Musser Bigelow, Mrs. Raymond Long, Mr. Fred Bohley and Mr. Marshall Bryant.

The orchestra has played at a number of local meetings and entertainments and it will be remembered that the same players gave a short musical prelude at Chautauqua last summer on just the afternoon's notice. The organization is willing to play at any community "doings" as that is the object of its origin. No admission will be charged but an offering will be taken, one half of the proceeds going to the Community House Fund of the American Legion. Medina's music lovers will not miss this unusual local talent and treat.

The program for the concert is here given:  
Overture—"Fair Maid of Perth"  
"When the Lights are Low" Engelman  
Solos—"Christ in Flanders" Nevin  
"Roses of Picardy" National  
Mrs. Bigelow and orchestra  
"Narcissus"—A Polish National  
"Kuyawiak"—A Polish National  
Dance Wieniawski  
"Water Lilies" St. Clair  
Duet—"Tis Evening" Tschaikowsky  
From the Opera "Pique Dame"  
Mrs. Marshall Bryant—Soprano  
Mr. Raymond Bryant—Baritone  
Love Suite Lake  
(a) "The Lovers"  
(b) "Dance Capriccioso"  
(c) "Love's Lament"

Offering—  
"Mighty Lak a Rose" Nevin  
Solos—"Oh Friend of Mine"  
"Let the Rest of the World Go By"  
Fred Bohley and Orchestra  
"Wedding of the Winds" Hall  
"Stars and Stripes Forever" Sousa

## LAST VESPERS OF SEASON SUNDAY

Following is the program for the last Vesper Service at the Methodist church at 4:15 next Sunday afternoon:  
Prelude—"In Moonlight" Kinder  
Processional—Hymn No. 56  
Invocation  
Scripture Reading  
Anthem "O be Joyful"  
Organ—Sylvan Sketches Helm  
"The House by the side of a Road" Miss Clark  
Solo—(selected)  
Mrs. Bigelow  
Offertory—"To Spring" Grey  
Hymn No. 46  
Anthem—"That Trust in the Lord"  
Pantomime—"Ninety and Nine"  
Helen Clark—Fred Bohley  
Anthem—"Sun of My Soul" Parker  
Recessional—"Evening Prayer"  
Benediction  
Postlude—"Praeludium Festivum" Becker

## TOOK BIG CROWD TO PUSH SIX TO JERICO

About 250 Odd Fellows were present at the initiation and dance given by the order Saturday night at their hall in this city.

Six candidates, one of them from Brunswick, took the initial degree, which was conferred by visiting Odd Fellows from Cleveland. Owing to a delay on the road, the Cleveland team, which had chartered a special car, did not arrive here until about ten o'clock. This was the biggest meeting ever held in this city by the brothers of the three links.

## BIG AKRON TRUCKS BOOST GOOD ROADS

The "Ship by Truck" parade of seventeen trucks, sent out by Akron manufacturers, together with a band of twenty-two pieces and a corps of speakers, arrived here Tuesday afternoon, somewhat behind their schedule. They paraded around the square and came to a stop on Court street, the band boys mounting the stand in the park and rendering several numbers in a drizzling rain.

Mayor Hartzog, who was assisted in receiving the visitors by Dawson Longacre, after a few words of welcome, introduced the speakers.

H. G. Vance, of the Farm Research Bureau of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. and H. S. Yohe, director of the Economic Research Bureau of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., made short addresses, urging a deeper interest in the good roads movement and evidencing the advisability of using truck service more generally during the railroad troubles.

A large crowd were on the square to witness the demonstration at the scheduled time—3:45 p. m.—but the rain sent many of them home.

Prominent in the parade was a White truck which had been in continuous service for nine and one-half years and was still going strong.

Young Medina was busy Saturday with the lawn mowers and the dandelions suffered a timely death.

## ANOTHER MILL TAX TO KEEP UP ROADS

The county commissioners honored requests made by legion posts in the county for Memorial Day funds at their meeting last Monday, appropriating \$25 for the local post, \$25 for the H. G. Blake post 169 G. A. R. and \$25 for the Eaton post at Wadsworth. Bills to the amount of \$3192.17 were allowed. The county engineer was authorized to survey, draft plans and set stakes for improving and widening of Road 72 in Westfield township near the Frank Barry farm; he was also authorized to construct an under cut for unloading material, under the Northern Ohio switch, west of the Medina depot, if proper drainage can be secured. He will furnish the Wadsworth trustees with a 24 foot pipe, 18 inches in diameter, for the repair of culvert on Road 51 at Burkhardt's.

The commissioners agreed by resolution that, in the event the Wadsworth - Akron I. C. H. No. 20 is not built this year, they will go 50-50 with the Wadsworth township trustees in repairing Road No. 97 in that township. The county engineer was authorized to erect a building 80 x 26 ft. to house trucks and tools.

A tax levy of one mill will be levied upon all taxable property in the county. This will be in addition to all other levies authorized by law for county purposes. The auditor was directed to place this extra levy upon the tax duplicate to be collected in the same manner as all other taxes.

This was made necessary by insufficient funds for the county's proportion of cost and expense of construction, maintenance and repairing of highways under provisions of the code.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST HOLD MEET SUNDAY

The county fellowship meeting of all the Churches of Christ in this county will be held at the tabernacle in this city next Sunday, May 23. A. O. Henry of Akron will deliver the afternoon address. His theme will be "County Fellowship." Rev. J. L. Griffith of Wadsworth, will speak in the evening. A basket dinner and supper will be served, each family bringing its own food and dishes. The Medina ladies will serve coffee.

The program follows:  
10:30—Sunday school.  
All adults will meet in the tabernacle, other departments in their regular places.  
11:30—Communion—Rev. J. L. Griffith presiding.  
Scripture and prayer—Rev. Geo. Sims.  
Morning sermon—Rev. V. S. Goodale.  
Benediction—Rev. E. G. Hamilton  
1:00—Basket dinner.  
1:30 to 2:30—Fellowship hour.  
Afternoon Session  
2:30—Song.  
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## NEW RUBBER CO. NOW SELL STOCK

The Coddling-Bagley-Case Co. have started the sale of stock in the new rubber company projected for Medina. Both Akron and local interests are in the concern which is a reorganization and which will manufacture tires and rubber goods.

As soon as stock is sold, the erecting of the plant will be started. The selling scheme of the company is of such a nature as to assure a steady demand for the company's product.

Among the local interests now holding stock in the concern are Messrs. Longacre, Hoover, Hyde, Coddling and Felton. The latter is president of the new company.

## YORK GRADUATES TO HAVE COMMENCEMENT

The graduates of the York high school are earnestly rehearsing for the commencement exercises which are to be held Friday May 28.

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Medina county will be short of farm labor this year, many farm workers having gone into the cities where high wages are being paid, even for unskilled labor. Crop conditions here are about as they are in other counties of the state, being about 70 per cent of normal. It is said that the production this year will be about 20 per cent less than that of last year.

Farm labor wages have taken a considerable jump. Last year, according to County Agent S. M. Salisbury, the day scale stood at \$3.00 and up and the monthly wage averaged \$50. This season, he says, the laborer will not consider less than \$4.50 or \$5.00 per day while the scale by the month will probably be from \$60 up. A considerable portion of the land in Medina county will go unworked this season owing to the help shortage. Many men engaged for farm work who are inexperienced and are little benefit to the farmer who must put out a big wage, irrespective of the man's ability.

The U. S. Employment service at Cleveland proved highly effective last season in providing farm labor and it is believed that it will help materially this season. Many of the big manufacturers, it is said, appreciating the seriousness of the farm labor shortage are releasing those of their workers with agricultural training. But recently, it was announced that the rubber companies at Akron laid off a large number of their employees who had come from farms.

The secretary of the Ohio Department of Agriculture has protested to the secretary of war against any further recruiting for the army and navy in rural districts. His message said:

"Ohio faces a most serious shortage of farm labor this year, our estimates showing that there is 12 per cent less labor on Ohio farms than one year ago.

"The situation will be more acute as harvest approaches.

"Recent trips over the state have brought to my attention the prevalence of army and navy recruiting stations in the smaller cities of the rural sections and many protests have been made by farmers against this practice.

"Would it not be possible to confine such work to the larger cities where the contact is not so direct with available farm labor?"

There are more than 3100 farms in Medina county and owing to help shortage, production was far below normal.

## LOCAL HORSE CLUB RE-ELECTS OFFICERS

The Medina Matinee Driving Club held its regular annual meeting and election of officers Thursday of last week at the Pythian Club rooms. According to those present, it was one of the most enthusiastic meetings of this coterie of horse lovers which numbers about 60 members.

The old officers were reelected for another year. They are Blake McDowell, pres.; R. J. Hyde, vice-pres.; W. E. House, treas.; S. H. Brainard, secy. The directors are Dr. W. F. Wise, Dr. H. P. H. Robinson, R. O. McDowell, A. J. Hange and C. M. Hatch.

Splendid talks on the subject dear to every one present were made by Charles Duffy of Cleveland, editor of the American Sportsman, John Stadler of Cleveland, one of the best known horsemen in the country and a strong booster for Medina county, and Judge F. M. Plank of this city. Blake McDowell acted as toastmaster.

The Medina Matinee Driving Club has been in existence for quite a number of years and has been largely instrumental in keeping alive here a deep interest in good horse stock. Mr. Stadler is owner of an extensive stable and stock farm in Hinckley township, and has contributed in large measure, both financially and in personal interest to the introduction and propagation of pure-bred stock in this county.

Hartman's orchestra supplied a splendid musical bill for the occasion.

## LUCKY KIWANIAN TO GET FREE SUGAR

Congressman Roscoe McCulloch gave a highly interesting talk to the Kiwanians last Friday on the subject of Americanism. It was one of the best addresses ever delivered to the local organization. This Friday, the luncheon will be held at the Church of Christ church, Congressman Ralph Cole being slated for an address.

This Friday the prize will be given by Howard Calvert—a ten pound sack of sugar.

The vice-president of the association will be at the meeting next week to present the charter and the secretary announces that wives, sweethearts and lady friends of members will have entree on that day.

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## School Children Will Decorate Graves of War Veterans on Memorial Day

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Committee on Girl Scouts—Miss Helen Baldwin.  
Committee on Finance—Park C. Bigelow, F. L. Harding, D. C. Shepard.  
Permanent Citizens Committee—Arthur VanEpp, A. E. Young, Blake McDowell, N. H. McClure, W. B. Baldwin.  
Committee on Decorations—Harold Ziegler, S. H. Brainard, Leland Longacre, Ford Cannon, Theo Rothacker, C. B. Lowe.  
Committee on Vocal Music—John Beck, Mrs. W. B. Baldwin, Mrs. P. C. Bigelow, N. H. McClure.  
Committee on Instrumental Music—A. H. Fretter and Harry Lincoln.  
Committee on Streets and Conveyances—A. F. Hange, Blake McDowell, A. E. Young.  
Committee on Stands and Seating—Paul Anderson, G. E. Letterly.  
Committee on Printing and Programs—W. B. Baldwin, Perry Cannon.  
Committee on Citizens Battalion—W. J. Fenton, D. S. Longacre, D. C. Shepard, N. O. Fuller.  
Committee on Closing Business Places—Mayor H. H. Hartzog, W. H. Sipher, D. R. Pelton, Hobart Edwards.  
Committee on Schools—Supt. W. E. Conkle, A. C. Kennedy.

Committee on Decoration of Soldier's Graves—C. B. Lowe, W. H. Winch, Rufus Hyde.

Order of Procession  
Bugle—General Assembly.  
Parade to assemble on the south side of the Public square and be ready to march under the direction of the Officer of the Day, at 1 o'clock, p. m. sharp, and in the following order.  
Officer of the Day—Maj. S. S. Oatman and Aides.  
Medina Band.  
H. G. Blake Post and all other old soldiers and sailors.  
Spanish-American War Veterans.  
Courtney Lawrence Post No. 202 American Legion and all World War Soldiers and Sailors.  
Medina Troops of Boy Scouts.  
Medina Troop of Girl Scouts.  
Kiwanis Club.  
Medina Public Schools.  
Ingham's Martial Band.  
Citizens' Battalion.  
Members Women's Relief Corps in Conveyances.  
Citizens in Conveyances.  
(All old soldiers and sailors and members of Woman's Relief Corps who desire conveyance will assemble on the east side of the Public Square, or if it is desired that conveyance be sent to home, kindly notify A. F.

Hange, Chairman of the Committee, in advance.)  
At the Cemetery  
Decoration of the soldiers' graves by the school children under the direction of Committee on Decoration of Soldiers' Graves.  
Raising of the Flag—By Boy Scouts Color Guard.  
Reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Speech.  
Firing Squad—American Legion Firing Squad.  
Monument to be decorated in honor of soldiers buried elsewhere by representatives of the public schools and citizens.  
Bugle—"Taps" by Bugler.  
Procession to reform and return to Public Square.  
At the square caps æ l. c. bl. face Music by band.  
Prayer by Chaplain.  
Reading of Gen. Logan's First General Order on the observance of Memorial Day.  
Song.  
Introduction of Speaker by the President of the Day.  
Song.  
Address by Rev. Clarence G. Miller.  
Benediction.  
Music by band.

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